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New college president; Who can he possibly be?

Heath wins SAC office

Jamie Heath has emerged the winner of the sole office contested in last week's election by quite a wide margin.

The office of executive vice-president was the only position not filled a week earlier when six of the seven offices of the Student Administrative Council had been filled by acclamation.

Jamie, 19, of Cornwall, Ont., is a first-year business adminstration student.

The Welland campus proved to be Jamie's stronghold as he received 201 votes compared to only 56 by the other contender, Tammy Ayres, also a first-year business administration student.Jamie received 216 votes to Tammy's ~~overall~~ 66. Overall, 387 students voted — 36 more than last year's 351.

Voter turn-out at the satellite campuses was low. No votes were recorded at the Hospitality Centre. Mack Nursing Centre and the Horticultural Centre had 13 and 12 ~~voted~~ respectively.

The SAC executive for the academic year 1990-1991:

Cory Abt, 19, first-year business administration, president;

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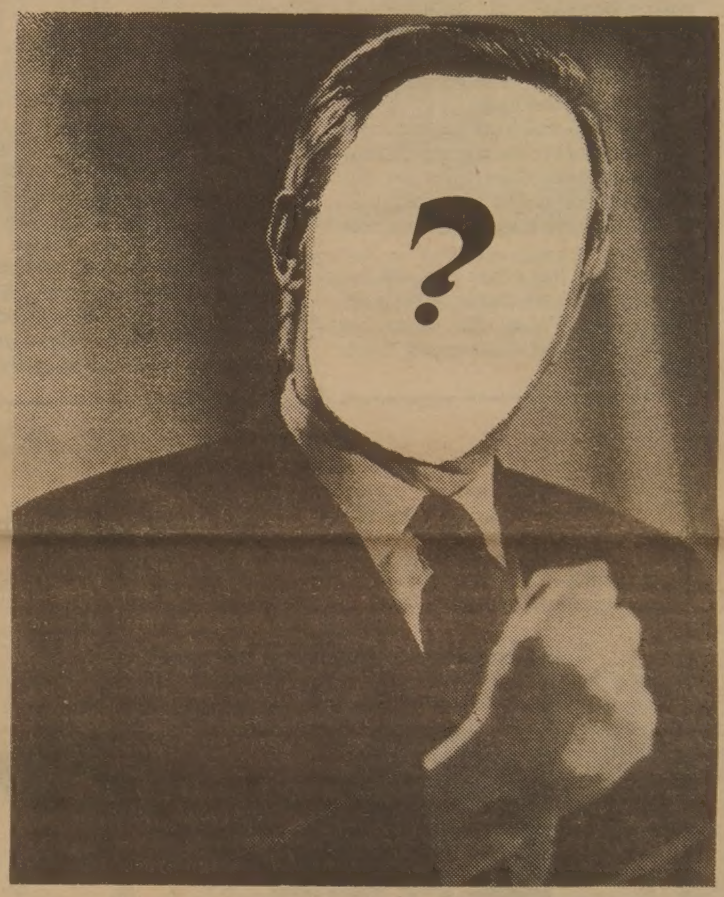

The Niagara News is honoring the wishes of the new Niagara College president in not publishing his name and picture until there can be a joint release of the information at his place of business and Niagara College.

The release will probably come on Monday. The Niagara News had delayed publication of this edition for one week in the hope that it could bring the news today.

Niagara College has a new president...but who he is won't be known until Monday.

The college's Board of Governors was to have made the selection late last night, Foster Zanutto, manager, marketing and information, said. An offer was to be made to one of three persons on a short list arrived at by a selection committee.

The new president will replace Jacqueline Robarts, college president for 12 years, who is retiring at the end of August. He will assume the position on Sept. 1, Mr. Zanutto said.

Eighty people applied for the job. The number of candidates was cut to 17 by George Enns Partners, a search team hired by the board to find a new president. The 17 were shortlisted to six and cut to three by the college search committee.

The Niagara News delayed publication of this edition for one week in the hope that it would be able to carry the name and photograph of the new president today.

The replacement for Miss Robarts was discussed at the board's administrative committee meeting a week ago last night. The offer to the candidate recommended by the search committee was to go to the board, in camera, after its regular meeting last night.

The announcement of the name of the successful candidate was further delayed because of the need for a simultaneous announcement of the appointment at both Niagara and the candidate's place of business.

Inadequate provincial funds cause college debt

By ROBERT A. FINLAY
Staff Writer

Niagara College may be in debt as much as $200,000 for the 1989—90 academic year, possibly bringing the college's total deficit to $1.1 million.

Hans van der Slagt, vice—president of administration, blames much of the deficit on "inadequate" funding from the province and higher—than—expected pay raises for the college staff.

He said he hoped to be able to bring the projected deficit down to $700,000 or $800,000 for 1990—91.

Mr Van der Slagt said that new provincial legislation regarding pay equity and a payroll tax to cover Ohip cost contibuted to unforeseen costs. They each cost the college an extra $250,000 this year, and provincial grants have fallen short of covering the additional costs.

"Our 'savings account' is gone, and 85 per cent of college funding coming from the province, we must either convince the province to give us more money or find the money ourselves," Mr. van der Slagt said.

The college administration is working on a "growth program" designed to raise revenue for the college and gain an increase in provincial funding. The college is trying to increase enrolment of first-year students and to keep them for their second or third years. With provincial funding being based on the percentage of the total student population that each college has, Mr. van der Slagt said that even a one per cent increase of the share of college students in Ontario could mean improvement in funding from the province.

College administrators plan to identify and maintian new programs that will bring more revenue to college coffers, such as employer-sponsored training, continuing education and skilled training programs. Although such program delivery projects have encountered "growing pains,"they have potential to contribute significantly to the college.

An increase in parking fees is being considered for next year to cover costs of parking lot maintenance and snowplowing. Fees for students would increase from $40 to $45 and for staff from $60 to $70. Parking fees are directly related to the lack of provincial funding to cover this type of extra cost to the college and parking fees are the "lesser evil" in terms of raising those funds, he said. About $120,000 was spent on parking lot maintenance at the Welland campus last year alone. The majority of colleges in Ontario have parking fees — most of them higher than Niagara's.

Although tuition fees will be going up next year for all colleges across Ontario, the increases will be only enough to cover the increasing operating costs of the college. With the tuition fees about one-third of most universities, however, Ontario colleges are still an affordable alternative, he said.

Another plan being considered by college administration is to sell about 11 acres of college land to the city of Welland. The land, which runs from the campus entrance on Woodlawn Road and along Rice Road, could be sold or developed by the college in conjunction with the city of Welland.

"The city of Welland has expressed an interest in those lands and we're currently discussing it with them," Mr. van der Slagt said.

Plans for the Student Centre will not affect the college budget as the entire cost of the project will be covered by the Student Trust Fund and funds gained from an increase in student fees. A $25 addition to student fees, begun in 1989-1990, is earmarked for the Student Centre and is in addition to the regular Student Activity fee of $76. This new fee will remain for as long as it takes to cover the costs of the centre, which Mr. van der Slagt said could take up to 10 years.

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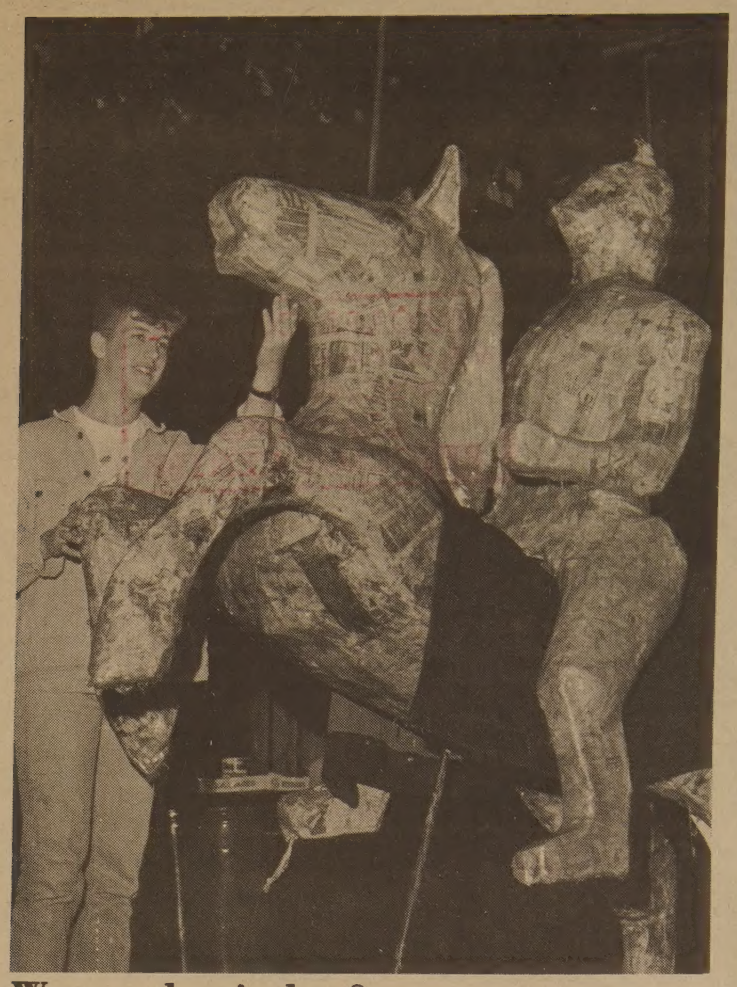

Wow...what is that?

The Niagara Knight's stallion rears up as the development of the college's first parade float takes shape in the Empire Street Fine Arts Centre. But progress on the float has been hampered by a lack of workers, Joan Schwartzkopf, one of the workers, said. The float will feature, in addition to the Knight and his horse, a park bench on which several college graduates will ride. Andrew Forfar checks the horse's head. Larry Clark, the originator of the idea for the float, heads up the work team which hopes to have the float ready for mid-May.

NITAC tests skills

Niagara College's Welland and St. Catharines campuses will be the hosts of four divisions of the upcoming NITAC Technological Skills Olympics in May.

The Welland campus will hold the mechanical drafting competition on May 4 and the architectural drafting competition on May 11. St. Catharines will hold the welding and machine shop competitions, both on May 9.

The Niagara Industrial Training Advisory Committee, along with Niagara Peninsula Industrial Education Council, works as a broker for training high school students and college students for further employment. The groups, who work together, hold the Skills Olympics to demonstrate skill and give those competing at the high school and college levels confidence.

Niagara College, the Skills Olympics Committee and supporting boards of education throughout the Niagara Region are involved with the Olympics which cover everything from hairdressing to welding.

Two students from each school will take part in each competition, all competitors are selected by their teachers. The awards given to the winners are gold, silver and bronze.

Some of the other schools involved are Notre Dame, Westlane, Kernahan Park, Sir Winston Churchill and Lakeport high schools.

Toronto exhibitors thank Fashion Arts

By VERNON BROWNE
Staff Writer

Niagara College Fashion Arts program played a role in the success of the Ontario Fashion Exhibitors show and had its promotional logo displayed proudly during the Canadian Festival of Fashion in Toronto last month.

The festival was held at the Metro Convention Centre and the exhibitors show was one of many presented from March 29 to 31.

Fashion arts co-ordinator Carole Timm and the second-year fashion arts students were asked by the OFE to create still lifes (slides) of co-ordinate accessories to go with the garments being exhibited. The slides were used as backdrop to the live models on stage.

The students and Mrs. Timm created 20 still lifes which were displayed during the 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. showings on March 30.

THANKS NIAGARA

The commentator expressed special thanks to Carole Timm and fashion arts students of Niagara College for their accessory/photography styling. The program's new logo with a credit for the slides to the Fashion Communication Arts students of Niagara College were shown on the screen at the end of each show.

In order to complete the photo styling of the accessories and the new fall line garments, Mrs. Timm had to go to Toronto to get the many articles from the sales representatives. The garments were then brought to her home where they all worked on creating the appropriate images for the slides.

Accessories and props had to be made to create the right image for each piece of clothing. Once the styling was completed it was then shot on 30mm and slide film and taken back to Toronto in time for the exhibition.

Through this experience the second-year students were able to use their visual and practical training they were taught in class and apply it in a practical way, Mrs. Timm said.

The logo promotional image of a young man and a young woman etched against a black background, was designed by Eileen Muir, of the Fashion Arts department, when changes to the program were made.

The logo is the cover of the program's new brochure and is on the back of the Fashion Arts jackets and sweatshirts.

PITCH IN

Students enjoy trip full of activities

Seventeen human relations students and two faculty are visiting Ottawa this week on a trip that has political and economic issues as the main focus.

Planned activities include a guided tour of the Parliament Buildings, visiting question period in the House of Commons, dinner in the parliamentary dining room and tours of the Museum of Man, the Museum of Science and Technology and the Museum of the Bank of Canada.

Tom Busnarda and Willard Wright, Niagara College professors, drove mini-vans and are escorting the students on the trip.

Mr. Wright said Gib Parent, Liberal MP for St. Catharines, Thorold and Welland, has arranged the dinner in the parliamentary dining room. He has also arranged for "a private tour of things most people don't see, for example, the floor of the House of Commons; they might get a chance to sit in the speaker's chair."

To touch a piece of history is a thrilling experience, Mr. Wright said. As an example, he cited touching the solid oak chair and knowing that wood was part of the Victory, the flagship of Admiral Lord Nelson at the Battle of Trafalgar in 1805.

"The chair is an exact copy of the speaker's chair in the British House of Commons," Mr. Wright said.

The students will learn how the term "the Bar" came about, and they will see what is meant by "Toe the Line." Joe Clark, when leader of the Opposition, has been the only person to cross the line, handing Prime Minister Trudeau a piece of paper instead of calling a page. When the Prime Minister refused to take the paper, a page was called.

The cost of the trip is under $100 per person. The students sold tickets for a half-and-half draw to defray the cost.Taking the mini-vans saves more than $1,000, the cost of taking a bus.

The group is staying at a motel in Gatineau, near Hull, Quebec. This will also save them some money.

They left on Wednesday and will return tomorrow morning.

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Protec the Public

Niagara College's social services students rallied in front of the Legislative Assembly Monday in a protest to a proposal by the Ontario Association of Professional Social Workers that only people with a bachelor's or master's degrees in social work be recognized as social workers in Ontario. Later that day, Member of the Legislative Assembly for Welland-Thorold riding Peter Kormos presented the students' petition in the House.
Photo by Kgabo Modibedi

Social service students take protest to Queen's Park

By KGABO MODIBEDI
Staff Writer

Niagara College's social services students lobbied for the inclusion of community college graduates in any legislation regulating social workers in Ontario by staging a rally in front of the Legislative Assembly in Toronto Monday.

About 30 of some 75 social services students travelled to Toronto.

"The second reason we have come to Queen's Park is to raise public awareness about the current consultation process which will eventually lead to legislation,"Ralph Martin, second-year social service student, later told a press conference.

Peter Kormos, MLA for Welland-Thorold, read the students' petition to the assembly.

"...Be it resolved that social service worker program students of Niagara College and others are in favor of legislation regulating social service practitioners and believe further and more widespread consulation should continue so that legislation could be drafted which would include community college graduates as well as university graduates in the social work field," he read.

STRONG S[illegible]ORT

"There are 1[illegible]0 signatures attached to that petition and my name as well," he added. "Of course, it has my sincere and strong support."

A proposal about a year ago by the Ontario Association of Professional Social Workers to the Ministry of Communitry and Social Services that only people with a bachelor's or master's degree in social work be recoginzed as social workers in Ontario caused a commotion among college social services graduates — and students.

Ralph said college level workers have no direct representation in negotiations going on between the ministry and social workers in Ontario.

He said the college administration was not supporting the student rally and would not allow instructors to accompany the students to Queen's Park. The students were disappointed, he said; their instructors were behind them in their opposition to the proposal, but when the time came for action, the students were left alone.

"We support legislation, but not an elitist one," one poster said.

Others were: "Degree or degree of competence?" "We can do the job,too." "Protect the public."

WANT LEVELS

Ralph said social services students favored legislation that established levels of qualifications and competencies. "At this time, anyone can put up a shingle and call themselves a social worker."

Within many of the social services organizations, there do exist some guidelines concerning qualifications and codes of conduct; however, Ralph said, they vary widely from group to group.

"We favor raplacing this patchwork system with one set of regulations and qualifications that apply to all social workers. This will help to ensure a higher quality of service to the public."

Another reason legislation is needed is a trend by the province to contract out social work to private operators,often with no community representation, he said. The board of directors may not have the necessary background to regulate service and discipline its employees.

SUCH DIVERSITY

Peter Gooch, a policy director with the Ministry of Community and Social Services, came to the college in March and told students there was such a diversity of opinions to OAPSW's proposal that the ministry hasn't reached a consinsus yet.

The ministry solicited responses from colleges, universities, and social service providers after the proposal was made public last May, even though it had been submitted to the ministry 20 months earlier.

The deadline for submissions of responses was extended from July 1989 to November. "Our student organization at Niagara College was formed in the fall of 1989," Ralph said.

Only 30 per cent of the social services workforce in the Niagara peninsula have a degree in social work.

"We have yet to hear a response as to who would step in and fill the remaining 70 per cent of these positions should the original discussion paper become legislation," Ralph said.

The OAPSW's proposal did not take into account the contribution being made in the social service field by people without degrees.

Oops

It was reported in First Edition that Mack student nurses are wearing white uniforms. The second-year students will continue to wear the blue uniforms until September 1990. The first-year students are already wearing the white uniforms.

Nursing students feel alienated

By ROBBIE CRAINE
Staff Writer

Nursing students at the Mack Centre feel alienated from the main campus.

Donna Cunningham, director of nursing, said this sentiment was expressed to her at a recent general assembly. Miss Cunningham started holding general assemblies to pass information to the students and give students a chance to talk directly to the director.

Jane Arbek, president of Students at Mack Administrative Council (SMAC), said feelings of alienation do exist.

'There's an information breakdown," she said, "I received mailings today, one of which was a pub for tonight. It's three o'clock in the afternoon and I would doubt that there are 15 students here so if I put it up, nobody's going to know."This mailing was only the second Jane has received since Jan. 29.

The distance from St. Catharines to Welland and late notification of events are not the only obstacles Mack students have. They are out of the school on clinical assignments two or three days a week, Jane said. This does not allow much free time for tavelling back and forth to attend functions at the Welland campus.

Mack students feel alienated from SAC as well."When it comes to elections, most of the students here don't know who's running or they've seen a picture and a paragraph blurb and they don't feel they should or can vote because they don't know the person."

She said the students were on clinical assignments when the candidates for executive vice-president gave their speeches in the Hamilton Room and therefore could not attend.

"If there was a person I knew I could contact or who I was in contact with from SAC, it would make it easier."

Communication fails

Lack of communication is to be blamed for low participation of satellite campuses in Student Administrative Council activities, SAC office manager Donna Fluter said.

The SAC office on the Welland campus provides a variety of activities for students at all locations. But over the years students at the satellite campuses feel left out.

One complaint said that there is very little in the way of notification of events. And when it does arrive, it is too late for students to act upon.

"There is a lack of communications on both parts," Donna said.Notices of upcoming SAC activities are sent to the satellite campuses by Niagara College couriers. The campuses, which have "their own little student councils," should dispatch the information but they have no central office.

This has presented another problem, Donna said: it is not easy to reach them by telephone.

"The council would love to hear from them on a weekly basis. If they want to phone me every Monday morning and find out more about the week's activities, I'd be more than happy to bring them up-to-date."

The election of SAC officers suffered from this.Candidates in this year's election went to the satellite campuses to give their pre-election speeches but had difficulties finding the location, Donna said.

Transportation is a major obstacle to attending activities on the main campus. "They'd have to cover their own transportation cost," she said."We can't afford it, but we would be more than happy to have these people attend the activities."

College Council tables evaluation of teachers

College Council decided April 10 to table discussions on teacher performance by students, citing there was not enough background information or information from faculty.

Council rejected the subcommittee's proposal to accept a student-teacher performance questionnaire prepared at its last meeting.

After a rancorous debate on the subject, Dr. Tony Knowles, vice-president, academics, suggested the subcommittee give council further background and clarification on the form it submitted for approval. The form was drawn largely from a Mohawk College evaluation form, with certain changes, additions, and ommissions.

Pat Delaney, subcommittee chairman, said all who attended the last subcommittee meeting had spent considerable time adopting a format for the [illegible]stionnaire.

BEING SHELVED

"I have seen a number of things being shelved," Mr. Delaney said, "and I would recommend we use this form on a trial basis for teacher use only so that they can make corrective and/or remedial action, and while this is being implemented next fall, we can come up with the next phase in faculty enhancement, which is peer and director evaluation."

What Dr. Knowles called "one component of a mosaic", he reminded Council that Policy 4-8 is faculty evaluation, having a provision for annual review, "and that supersedes anything done here,", he said.

Bruce Tallon, faculty, told members that College Council was not a proper forum for faculty evaluation.

"I know we all do our part, but council is a hypocritical environment," he said. "In all fairness, we should take a look at support staff and administration — not just teachers — to see if they are doing their part as well."

"We are not puppets here, with a rubber stamp," Willard Wright, faculty, said. "Don't ask us to vote on something we don't have a chance to discuss."

"If it takes until October, we will discuss every item on the list," Wayne McCreadie said.

Editorials

College crisis point

Potential to survive

Niagara College is at a crisis point. It is at a crisis in funding, in enrolment and in public opinion. Niagara College incurred a deficit of $200,000 for the 1989-90 year — a loss that may push its total debt load to over a million dollars. More than 260 students left the college this year due to a strike that was less a pay issue than it was a protest against the lack of adequate provincial funding for colleges.

The college is at a crisis point, but it has the means to survive that crisis. This is a good college; it has good people in administration, faculty and the student body, all of them striving to help Niagara College succeed.

Perhaps a new president can bring a new vision to a troubled campus and take advantage of that tremendous potential.

The Niagara News welcomes the new president. It may be a difficult task to bring this college together, and it may take some time; in the end, however, the survival and success of Niagara College depend on the effort we put into that task.

Robert A. Finlay

Quiet Earth Day

School spirit lacking

Earth Day has come and gone and Niagara College is still wondering what happened. The administration, the faculty and the students didn't break character but decided to remain consistent with their apathetic attitude.

The college could have planned events, invited speakers and become involved in the celebration of the Earth, but not a sound was heard through its hallowed halls.

A great responsibility rests on our shoulders yet too few want to jeopardize lifestyles of comfort and convenience by spending the extra time and money needed to clean up the environment. Large institutions, like Niagara College, should set an example.

Students can make a difference. More should be done at the college in the way of recycling, banning styrofoam cups and aerosol cans, in encouraging composting and using recycled, unbleached paper products.

The predictability of Niagara College's lack of school spirit is becoming quite tedious. A more valiant effort on man's part must be made because the environment is something we all have to live with and take responsibility for.

Jennifer Bartkiw

Letters

Compliments to News

Dear Editor:

Once again the Great Canadian Seafood Extravaganza was a wonderful success. Attendance this year was 260, far surpassing our first year attendance of 180. Your coverage of this important fundraising event was excellent and very much appreciated. Reporters/Journalism-Print students Lisa Choma and Alison Olsen did a superb job interviewing several of the organizers and guests. The informative articles and good photographs they generated told a very accurate story of the night's activities.

The support of Niagara News is very much appreciated and on behalf of the Niagara College Foundation I express our sincere gratitude to the News and to Lisa and Alison.

Foster J. Zanutto, Director
Marketing and
Community Relations

Dean thanks students

Dear Editor:

I would like to take the opportunity through the Niagara News to thank all of those who assisted with the Open House activities on April 1.

The students of the Human Relations Program acted as guides. Members of the students organizations staffed displays or sold refreshments. Many students worked in their program areas to help inform the public about college life and education. The enthusiasm of these students did more for the college than any advertising.

Staff from all parts of the college used a great deal of creativity in developing an interesting demonstration of what the college has to offer to the community. As I observed the various displays, I found that I was very proud to be part of this institution of excellence.

F. Habermehl
Executive Dean

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Thank you

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Athletic Department, I wish to sincerely thank John Blackwell, Sheila McBrayne and Richmond Mahehe for their excellent reporting of our varsity and intramural events. It was very much appreciated by the department and the student athletes. We know you are proud of them and their accomplishments.

Peter L. Rylander
Co-ordinator of Athletics

Foreign Dispatches

Western eyes looking East

By BRIAN GREEN and KEITH LINDBERG
Special Correspondents in China

Since our arrival in Changsha, People's Republic of China, we've been working with the people of Niagara College's "twin" institution, Changsha University. This is a vocational post secondary school with an enrolment of about 1,300 students. It offers courses in computers, Chinese language, foreign languages, mechanical technology, and so on.

Changsha is a small city by Chinese standards with a population of only one million (another four million live in the suburban areas nearby). To western eyes, it is a bewildering mix of 20th century and 15th century.

On our walk from our apartment to the university every morning, we pass through a market where street vendors are selling live chickens, mounds of vegetables fresh from the farm, huge strings of noodles, and kettles full of fish. Meat is sold right from the carcass which hangs on a hook in the farmer's stall, or in miscellaneous chunks piled in a bicycle basket, which people paw through to find a choice bit.

Biking

There are almost no privately owned cars in China, so bikes are everywhere, and the ringing of their bells adds a musical note to the hubbub of the chaotic market place. At the noon and evening rush hours, the streets become so clogged with bicycles that movement becomes impossible for 10 or 15 minutes at a time.

Our major project in China is the making of a TV documentary with the Audio-Visual Department of Changsha University. We have just returned to Changsha after two weeks in the remote and mountainous Wuling district of western Hunan Province, taping the raw footage which will be edited into the documentary. Our two weeks in Wuling were the experience of a lifetime.

In the northern part of the region, the Wuling mountains are famous for the weird and surreal shapes they form. Very ancient mountains, they have been so weathered and eroded that sometimes all that is left is a huge spike, perhaps 500 metres tall, that tapers to about the thickness of a man.

Defy gravity

Jagged and twisted, sometimes they appear to defy gravity with mass chunks of rock balanced precariously on the top of slender stone stalks. Often the mountains are shrouded in fog or low-lying clouds, which adds a further element of mystery and beauty to the scene. Until recently, only artists and very few adventurous sightseers ventured in to see these wonders, but now the region is being opened to tourism . . . though foreigners are still very much a rarity.

To the south, the Wuling mountains are a little gentler, and here, protected by their remoteness, several of China's more than 50 racial minorities carry on life much as they have for centuries. The Miou people are easily distinguished by their beautifully embroidered pants and jackets, and by the tall colorful turbans the women wear. On special occasions, they add massive silver jewelry to the ensemble. (One necklace we admired weighed 1½ kilograms of pure silver).

In the village of Al A Yin, we were fortunate to arrive on market day. People walk from their remote farms and villages, sometimes 20 or 30 kilometres away, carrying their goods and produce in baskets suspended from carrying yolks.

Bamboo hats

In the market, they buy, sell, and trade their crops and wares... woven bamboo hats and baskets, clothing, hand-tooled metal goods, and of course, meat and vegetables.

In a separate market, live animals are bartered; water buffalo, pigs, cattle, sheep, goats, chicken, ducks, all mill around among buyers and sellers in a chaotic and endlessly entertaining spectacle

Our journey through Wuling was often a trip back in time. We saw farming, milling, and irrigation methods that go back at least 2,000 years. It was a fascinating experience, and since we shot some 20 video tapes (and I took about 300 photographs), we'll be able to share some of it with Canadians on our return.

For the last month of our stay here, we'll be in the editing room, cutting those 20 tapes into a 40-minute documentary for the university. We'll be putting together a 20-minute version for Canadian audiences. In addition, we're lecturing to English classes, giving seminars in educational TV to people from various media and educational organizations in and around Changsha, and doing a little sightseeing.

Sometimes 2½ months seems like a long time away from home and familiar surroundings (and familiar food!), but into that short space of time we're packing many years' worth of experiences. We're looking forward to our return in May to share some of them with you.

FOCUS

Former dean takes part in documentary on Islam

By ROBERT A. FINLAY
Staff Writer

For many people, the thought of travelling Europe to record important religious and cultural developments as they happen is only a dream. For former Dean of Applied Arts John Giancarlo, however, that dream was very much a reality — the end result of which is a five-part film series that documents the Muslim faith in Europe.

Filmed over two weeks during a busv schedule that took Mr. Giancarlo and producer Tayie Abdul Rehem from the Vatican in Rome to the ancient mosques of Spain, the documentary series for TV Islam will be broadcast beginning June 28 on Canadian cable network Vision-TV.

Mr. Rehem, involved in the Theatre Arts program at Niagara several years ago, began producing TV Islam for Vision TV in order to study and explore the Muslim faith through documentaries.

The film

Written and narrated by Mr. Giancarlo and filmed by Mr. Rehem, the film covers many aspects of the Muslim faith. One of the most important developments for Muslims which has occurred in the past few years was also the one that originally sparked the idea for the series.

"I read that a mosque was to be built within three miles of the Vatican in Rome," a finding that Mr. Giancarlo describes as a "revolutionary development in a country where 95 per cent of the population is Roman Catholic."

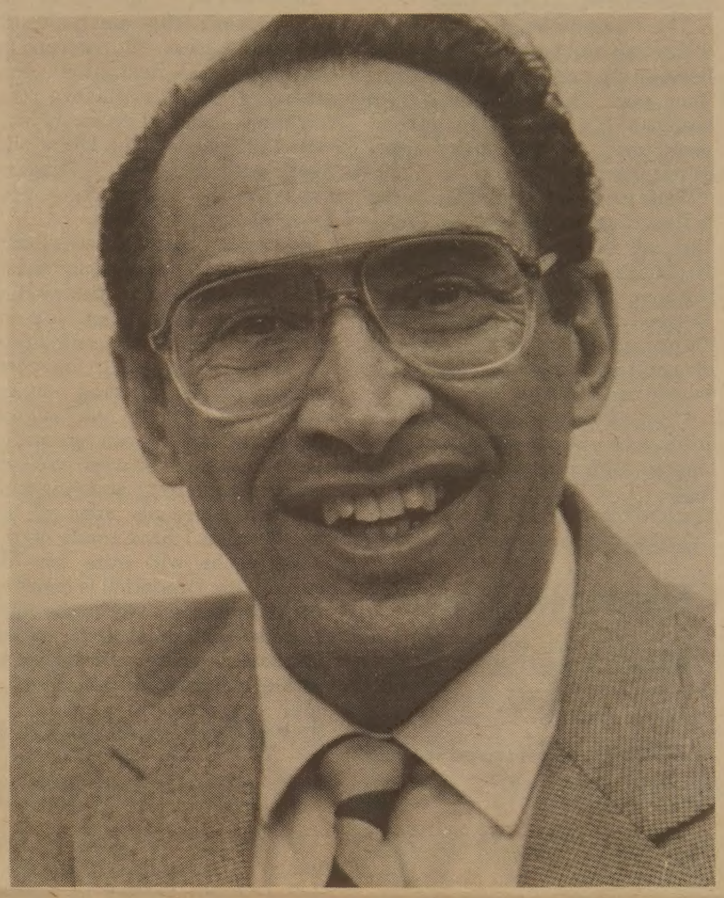
The two spent much of their time in Rome discussing this new development with representatives from the Muslim faith as well as the Catholic faith. They interviewed the director of the temporary Islamic cultural centre, Abdul Quayuum Khan, about the $45 million project that will see a mosque, a library and a permanent Islamic cultural centre being constructed within miles of Catholicism's most important structure.

The filmmakers were surprised to find that the Vatican had appointed a special representative, Father Thomas Michel, to deal with Islamic affairs — a radical departure from the intolerance and orthodoxy that most people perceive is the attitude of the church. "Things are changing in Rome,"Mr. Giancarlo said.

Attitude

The Catholic church has very positive things to say about the project, and has been developing a more tolerant attitude toward other religions since its statement at the second Vatican council in 1965 of the need for Catholics to "accept and co-operate with other religions."

Mr. Giancarlo and Mr .Rehem spent about a week in Rome filming the location and interviews. They then travelled to Spain where they concentrated on the Muslim influence that occurred with the Moorish take-over of that country from AD 722 to AD 1492.



JOHN GIANCARLO

They spent much of their time in Spain filming around the Moorish fortress of Alhambra in the city of Granada. That portion of the documentary, titled The Legacy of the Moors, shows how powerful the Muslim influence was in Spain and Europe during their 800-year rule. The Moors introduced new religion, architecture and language as well as establishing a reputation for intellectual pursuit that attracted nobles from all over Europe to study in Spain.

The final program of the five-part series is devoted to Muslim artist Sammy Burhan. Mr. Giancarlo said he and Mr. Rehem met the artist while in Rome and were fascinated by his works, many of which are artistic renderings of passages from the Koran, the holiest book of the Muslim faith. Mr. Burham moved to Rome 25 years ago, building a reputation as a well-known artist in Europe. He was recently commmissioned by the United Nations to paint a mural depicting the dangers of drug abuse.

The program reflects Mr. Giancarlo's commitment to "educate and to promote a spirit of co-operation."

Vision TV, which airs in channel 20 in Welland and Port Colborne and channel 16 in St. Catharines, will show the series in five parts beginning June 28 with subsequent segments airing July 12, July 26, August 9, and August 23.

Anticipation

Proposed student centre to promote college spirit

Niagara College is anxiously awaiting the approval of the proposed Student Centre by the Ministry of Education.

"The Flemming-Baker firm, the architects who designed the Hospitality-Tourism Centre, ahve drawn up the plans for the Student Centre and are waiting for approval to finish the final layout," Bette Ferguson, director of student services, said.

The 75,000-square-foot centre will cost $1 million to build and is projected to be completed during a 24 to 30 week construction period that will begin during the summer.

It will be equipped with a licensed lounge for bands and dances, a games room, a food service area with vending machines, a banking service, a smoking area, a SAC office and perhaps a convenience store, Mrs. Ferguson said.

It has been in the planning for 18 months with the goal of offering the college students a place to socialize.

"The centre's goal is to promote school spirit within the college."

Honor secretaries for jobs well done

By KAREN GIBSON
Staff Writer

Secretaries have been on earth ever since the first caveman took a chisel to a stone wall. The memo, however, took several months to finish.

Today, the chisel and stone wall have been replaced with the computer and paper, but the job is still done manually.

Today's secretaries have the distinction of being honored one week a year during Secretaries Week. This year the week is April 22 to 28.

Niagara College has 27 secretaries looking after 367 staff members.

Recognition

Secretaries Week provides an opportunity to recognize all administration office support personnel which includes receptionists, clerks, secretaries, admininstrative assistants and office managers.

Secretaries Week was founded in 1952 by Professional Secretaries International, based in Kansas City, Missouri. PSI has more than 40,000 members and affiliates in 41 countries.

Danielle Brown, a Niagara College business teacher, is one of 13 PSI members in Welland. The members are volunteers who promote Secretaries Week through letters encouraging companies, schools and employment agencies to participate in the recognition of secretaries.

"Secretaries Week is a time to promote confidence in and provide recognition for the secretarial profession," Mrs. Brown said.

Until the late 1800s, the secretary profession was a man's domain. Men worked their way into a business by being a scribe or clerk. Rich men always had a male secretary, a position which was highly prestigious and sought after.

With the introduction of the typewriter, women entered the work force. In 1873, the YMCA trained eight women as "typewriters". But before the women could begin, a physician had to certify that the women's physical and mental abilities were strong enough to withstand the pressure!

In 1880 the first Congress of Shorthand Writers, an all-male membership, issued a statement saying, "Some day women will be smart enough to write shorthand."

More than 100 years later, secretaries have become indispensible team players in the corporate work-world. No longer do secretaries merely answer telephones and take dictation. Their knowledge has expanded to include computers, word processing, graphics, accounting and purchasing. Nationwide, the average salary of a secretary is $20,640.

New look

The physical appearance of secretaries has changed from the 50s look of bouffant hairdos and steno pads, to the 90s look of briefcases, blue suits and computers.

The 1990 theme for Secretaries Week is Embracing a New Vision. This reflects the need to recognize the dramatic changes taking place in the secretarial profession. The vision will extend long after the roses are withered and the candy is gone.

Professional Secretaries Week was not created as a moneymaker for florists, candy makers or greeting card companies. It is to recognize the dedication of the largest single segment of the office work force — the more than 400,000 secretaries in Canada and four million in the United States.

It is time to embrace the new vision of the ever-changing role of secretaries during this week, and to let go of the old stereotypical, coffee-making role of secretaries.

Technology programs to receive $80,000

More than $80,000 is being given to Niagara College this year to enhance the technology division.

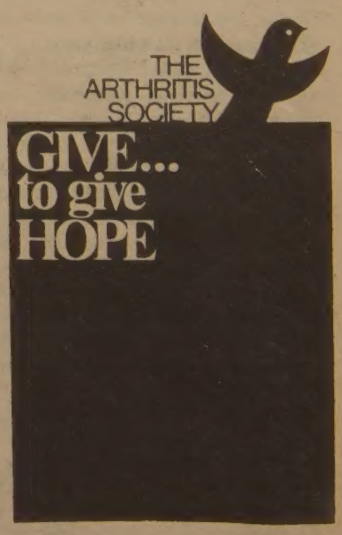
Dr. Tony Knowles, vice-president of academics, said the precise destination of the grant is unknown at this time, but it will definitely be allotted to the manufacturing and trade division as well as technology.Final decision will be up to a board of members who will meet soon.

Sean Conway, Minister of Education, announced the technology grants earlier this month saying the government "is committed" to placing greater emphasis on the areas of technology and science. Niagara's share is $83,151.

The Technology Enhancement Fund will help colleges "upgrade existing programs and enable them to develop new programs to meet emerging needs" in the field of technology, Mr. Conway said.

Foster Zanutto, director of marketing and information services, said the grant was a step the government was taking to increase the response of Canadian business to technology. In the past, Canadian business has been slow in reacting to the advancement of high technology and financing this field is iin anticipation of increasing the country's competitive potential, as well as to increase enrolment in this division.

The money will also be used to help attract more students to an area of study that has appealed to too few in the past. With the introduction of co-op into the three year technical programs, enrolment for next year is projected to be higher than last year.



Niagara College played host to the annual peninsula typing competition again this year and Cathy Jenkins, at the typewriter, won first prize in the Grade 9 and 10 competition. Karen Ishida, looking on, won first prize in the general public division of the contest. Photo by Bome Matshaba

Hot fingers

Some people have it, some don't. That saying was proved right during the second annual Niagara College typing contest dubbed a search for the "Fastest fingers in the Peninsula."

Forty-two people, mostly high schoold students, crammed into the Resource Centre in the Mackenzie building April 7 to prove their worth. Only three emerged victors with six others finishing close behind them.

Rinda Watson, runner-up in the general public/post secondary division, Judy Wells who came second in Grades 9-10 division and Jodie Kozarichuk of Beamsville, runner-up in Grades 11-12 division received telephones from Radio Shack and Learning Wordperfect 5.0 books.

Third prize winners of The Art of David Blackwood books were Cheryl Terryberry in Grades 11-12 division, Sue Anne Hicks in general and Rose Iannotla in Grades 9-10 division.

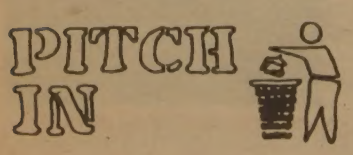
Nancy Dakin, Grades 11-12, who beat other contestants in their respective divisions to become first prize winners of Olympia Electronic typewriters valued at $350 each.

The contest, co-sponsored by office administration programs of Niagara College and St. Catharines Business Machines, was open to residents of the Niagara peninsula.

BRING PEOPLE IN

"The objective is to bring high school students and the general public into the college and encourage them to compete," Janet Forfar, marketing associate said. "The contest was not looking for the fastest only; accuracy was relevant as well. Basically, this was to encourage typing."

Yolande Bissonnette, business program co-ordinator, was delighted with this year's turnout. "We had seven more contestants this year, and a total of six men entered. The contestants were given time to warm up before the five-minute timed test. The tests were marked for speed and accuracy by three independent markers."



Recognition for students

Nursing students at Mack Nursing Education Centre are having their annual banding banquet May 18. "The purpose of the banquet is to recognize the students. They receive their meal and a band for their nursing cap according to the year that they're in," Jane Arbek, president of SMAC (Students at Mack Administrative Council), said.

The students begin with a plain white cap and receive a pale blue band at the end of their first year, Jane said. This is replaced by a medium blue band the second year, and a black band upon graduation.

"Traditionally, my understanding is that the black band is an indication of mourning for Florence Nightingale," Donna Cunningham, director of nursing, said. Before coming to Mack, Miss Cunningham was at George Brown and Fanshawe, neither of which had banding banquets.

"It's a lovely tradition because it marks a milestone as you're going through your program," she said.

Empty lockers by May 11.

Students are reminded to empty their lockers and remove all locks before May 11.

John O'Neal, building operations supervisor, said, "Students are to remove all their belongings along with the locks from their lockers before the school year ends after which time the locks will be cut."

All unclaimed items left in the lockers will be kept for a year before being disposed of.

A fond farewell to Sharon Broderick

Sharon Broderick, secretary for the Horticulture Centre, St. Catharines, is retiring after 14 years at Niagara College.

Ms. Broderick began working for Niagara College in 1974 as the first secretary for the Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism program at the Foxhead Hotel, Niagara Falls.

In 1978 Ms. Broderick left to open her own office and ballroom dancing business, but returned to the Hotel and Restaurant program in 1980 replacing the secretary who had replaced her.

In 1983 she left the Hotel and Restaurant program in Niagara Falls for the Horticulture program in St. Catharines.

She has seen many changs during her 14 years in the secretarial field. "Due to the fact that we are a satellite campus, my job includes a variety of responsibilities. Besides working with the computer, doing the ordering, looking after budget reports, the banking and petty cash, I run the office when the instructors are in class. I enjoy the variety and will miss it. I will especially miss all the good friends I have made here."

While she will miss her old friends, Ms. Broderick is creating the opportunity to make new friends. She plans to teach ballroom dancing and hopes to open a ballroom dancing club.

"I teach 20 students at Burleigh Hill School and hope to enlarge the class this fall. The classes are for people of all ages who want to learn the basic ballroom dances. The idea is to have fun socially."

Ms. Broderick has been interested in ballroom dancing since 1974. Now she has reached a stage where retirement means "doing what you want to do."

"It's not really retirement," she said. "It's the beginning of the most rewarding time of your life. I don't care if the ballroom dancing business doesn't make money. It'll be worth it just to break even."

College foundation expects to exceed campaign goal

The two-year campaign to raise money for the new Hospitality and Tourism Centre is almost complete.

A fundraising dinner and a contribution from the mayor of Niagara Falls will enable the $200,000 goal to be met, Foster Zanutto, spokesman for the Niagara College Foundation, said. To date, fundraising efforts have raised $170,000.

William Smeaton, mayor of Niagara Falls, has committed himself to a $20,000 donation to be raised within the city, and a fundraising dinner to honor both the mayor and Vince Kerrio, MPP.

The dinner will be on May 10 at Victoria Park Restaurant. Tickets are $100 per plate. Anyone wishing to purchase tickets should contact Esther Dockman at ext. 606.

Mr. Zanutto said the foundation expects funds raised will exceed the goal.

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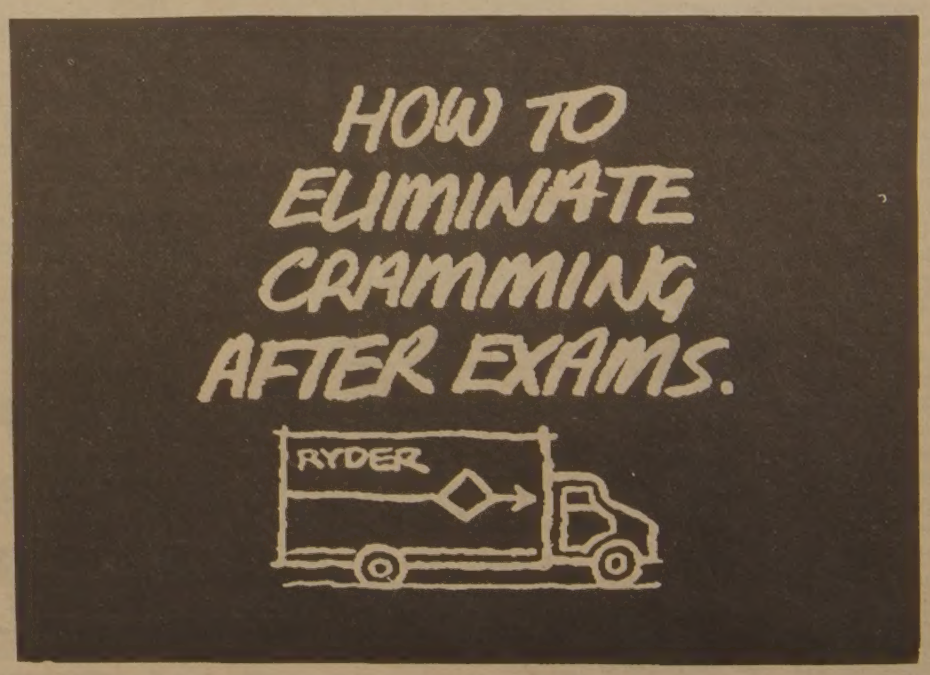

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Entertainment

Rock 'N Roll bands compete for big win

By ANDREW AMOAH
Staff Writer

The promise of good music and cheap beer were the only things that could warm the hearts of 75 music fans who trudged through biting cold to watch the Battle of the Bands at the cafeteria April 4. They were not disappointed.

Three rock bands and one multi-talented solo performer were vying for the top prize of $300 cold cash, 20 hours free rehearsal time at Augustus studio and a coveted opening spot for The Universal Juveniles at a yet undetermined date.

A power glitch delayed the battle for an hour and by the time everything was straightened out, the patient crowd would have even cheered Brian Mulroney singing When Irish Eyes are Smiling.

The first act was Niagara College hospitality and hotel management student John White, who was the anomaly among the contestants — as a solo performer all his drum parts and some keyboard parts were programmed into his sequencer. He worked on stage admirably with his infectious new wave style that echoed works by New Order and Depeche Mode. At times he felt like a fish out of water in a Rock 'n Roll pond causing him to respond to the crowd saying, "That is as New Wave as it gets, so don't worry."

The band Escape exploded on stage with a riveting set, opening with Rock 'n Roll by Led Zepplin and then through selections by Alice Cooper, Kiss, and ending with Big City Nights by Scorpions. Lead singer Matt Gauthier worked the stage well and his fiery vocals breathed new life into old covers. The band was warmly received by the appreciative audience.

The next act, Shotgun Sally, were out to take no prisoners in their no nonsense performance. They pulled out all the stops first working the stage in a manic frenzy then standing on tables and inciting the crowd to take notice.

Their long-maned appearance and total professional attitude won them new fans as they gyrated and pranced about through various numbers ranging from It's So Easy by Gun 'n Roses, the ever popular Led Zepplin tune Dancing Days, a promising original called Shotgun and reaching into their bag of tricks for Rock 'n Roll Highschool by the Ramones.

The St. Catharines band who claimed "we're only here for a party" were true to their word and got rapturous applause from the crowd. The competition had now become even more fierce but there was one more band to contend with.

Alchemy, a band consisting of Niagara College students, were not ready to concede the prize to anyone. The solid outfit consisted of Moe Demers, drums and lead vocals; Sean Tweeder, lead guitar; Randy Doucette, bass guitar; and Cory Sorge, rhythm guitar. They covered chestnuts like Rock 'n in the Freeworld by Neil Young, a China Grove by the Doobie Brothers, My Eyes Keep Me in Trouble by David Wilcox, and a crowd-pleasing Take it Easy by the Eagles.

After 10 minutes studio owner George Augustus bounded on stage to give encouragement to all the musicians and to announce that the third prize had gone to Escape, the second prize to Alchemy, and winners in an unbelievably close showdown were Shotgun Sally. The crowd hooted and hollered their approval for the band and after sipping their last dregs of beer were ushered out to face the cold winter weather, cleverly disquised as spring.

Concert big success at college

By DAVID REMPEL
and NEVILLE LEWIS
Staff Writers

The first ever outdoor concert in Manera Court wasn't. That bane of all outdoor activities — rain — forced the concert to be relocated to the cafeteria in the Black Walnut building last Friday evening.

Between 75 and 100 people attended for the concert which featured local cover band, Universal Juveniles.Alchemy, a runner-up in the Niagara College battle of the bands, opened the show.

The Universal Juveniles show consisted primarily of Max Webster and Kim Mitchell songs as well as some of the band's own material. Rife with political satire, their performance included references to the GST, the Canadian government and Brian Mulroney in particular.

Michael Wilson, guitarist and lead vocalist, who bears an uncanny resemblance to Canadian rocker Kim Mitchell, was dressed in a clown suit and led his band through several numbers which included, Go for Soda, Rockland-wonderland and Can't Find My Keys, an original Universal Juveniles tune about drinking and driving.

The atmosphere was one of fun and good times with Michael and the band trying to get the small audience involved in the show. The audience reaction was polite, but tame and not at all overwhelming.

Props were simple, and helped give the impression of a party, and the lighting was good, and the overall sound was fine, considering the concert was in the cafeteria, not renowned for its acoustics.

SAC president Jim Acsai termed the concert a success. "I had a great time and everything went well, but we would have wanted to see a few more people turn out."

Michael formed the Universal Juveniles in December 1988, with bassist Bill Martin, drummer Dale Kilts, keyboardist Scott Semly and guitarist Troll.

Through extensive touring, the band has garnered a reputation as one of the best local bands through their intense, fast-paced live shows which Michael describes as, "50 per cent theatre and 50 per cent music." They are planning to release their debut album by late fall or early winter, and are now working on a record label to gain wider recognition.

Full time musicians, Michael and his band have a motto — "endurance." By putting their all into their craft, the Universal Juveniles hope to break the highly competitive rock market.

" This is doing it," Michael said. "This is do or die."

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Party for students offers great time

The Niagara College student chapter of IEEE will hold its year-end bash April 28 at the Slovak Hall in St. Catharines.

The bash is open to everyone. Tickets available at Lundy 12 or at the door are $3 each. Proceeds will be used by the electronics program for new equipment, Rich Visi, chapter secretary, said.

The Jags, a band which plays mostly CCR, Bob Seger, and the Rolling Stones, will be playing at the event. "There will be no Milli Vanilli or New Kids on the Block," Rich said.

There will be food from Eddie's in Port Dalhousie to munch on, and door prizes to be won.

The event starts at eight o'clock.

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Speeches for SAC positions full of humorous exchanges

By NEVILLE LEWIS
Staff Writer

"Section one" and "team work" summed up the mood of participants as they delivered their speeches before the election of SAC officers last week.

Speeches, however, were mainly impromptu and most were delivered with some joviality. The informal atmosphere in the Hamilton Room, April 17 was due in part to the fact that six of the seven positions for offices on the Student Administrative Council were filled by acclamation. Only about 20 students turned out to listen to the speeches.

There were no races for the offices of president and five vice-presidents: social, internal and external affairs, finance and athletics.

Cory Abt, president by acclamation, had a simple message. "I am going to be available next year," the 19-year-old St. Catharines native said.

Bill Powell, vice-president of finance, is looking forward to a team effort. "We'll be working together to make sure SAC is a success," is the business student's goal.

David Brouwer, the first-year Early Childhood Education student who is unchallenged for the vice-presidency of social affairs, said that as a class representative this year, he has some idea of what goes on.

Jim Acsai, outgoing president, and Shane Forsythe both won positions as vice-presidents of internal and social affairs, respectively, but were not present for speeches.

For all the early winners, vice-president of athletics Jason Austen summed up the day best: "I want to thank all of you for teaching me a beautiful word — acclamation." Though he will be managing one of SAC's heaviest portfolios one which includes the annual Shinerama and Blood Donor Clinic, the 20-year-old business student made an appeal to all students to lend a hand in taking Welland by surprise with next year's Shinerama.

Students, however, had gathered to hear Tammy Ayres and Jamie Heath, both 19 and first-year business students, challenge each other for the lone contested position of executive vice-president.

Being an honor student, a peer tutor, a Niagara College Budget Advisory Board member and a Teacher Enhancement Committee member makes her qualified for the job Tammy said. Her aim is not only to see a greater participation among students on the whole but also to see disabled students becoming more involved.

She expects a better college spirit: more team motivation, more recognition for the Niagara Knights and more fan involvement. The campus media should be better used to SAC's advantage, she said. If elected, Tammy said, "I'll do my best and I'm open to suggestions."

"The Heath era begins," was Jamie's slogan. After apologizing for not having a speech written, the former Cornwall high school student councillor roused the small gathering with shouts of "section one, section one." Jamie said he is stressing team work and responsibility while dependability is his theme. "It is not what you can do for your council but what your council can do for you," he said.

Like Cory, Bill and Shayne, Jamie is in section one of the first-year business administration program. Tammy is in a different section of the same program.

Improvements to campus property soon

Plant and property operations have developed a four-stage program that will see $100,000 worth of improvements to college property.

"The Mackenzie building parking lot will be improved, lines on the pavement will be repainted and a new lighting system will be installed along Chippawa Boulevard from Woodlawn Road to Seneca Boulevard," Ron Haughton, director of property and plant, said.

The program is to be completed next year.

Canada needs women in technology fields, not many interested

By LORRAINE GIBBS
Staff Writer

Within the next eight years the job rate in the technology fields will be "incredible." If people don't keep up the technical base of society, Canada may not be able to compete with other countries, Alan Munro, professor of manufacturing computer applications at Niagara, said.

One of the major problems with keeping the industrial base is that not enough women are interested in technology programs, he said. The problem starts in Grade 7.

No matter how liberated people are today there is still a problem with informing women of what is available to them in the fields of technology. The social trend is to pressure women not to go into technology. "It's a rare teacher who promotes anything different," Mr. Munro said.

Women are often steered into business, arts or science with only a small percentage going into technology. Most girls in high school drop math and physics and end up taking secretarial home economics and other female lines of study.

Some women do recognize that there is a future for them in technology. Glynnis Iddenden, a fourth-year student of manufacturing engineering technology, has come a long way from her high school days when she was encouraged to get into Early Childhood Education.

"I will do what I want; I don't want someone to say what I'll do," Miss Iddenden said. "I got into technology because of the computers and new areas that I would learn about."

The Manufacturing and Mechanical Engineering courses consist of four years. Both share a common first year and then branch off into specialized fields of study. Both programs have a co-op requirement.

George Rowbottom, director of the Manufacturing, Mechanical and Construction programs, is proud of the achievements of the women in his programs.

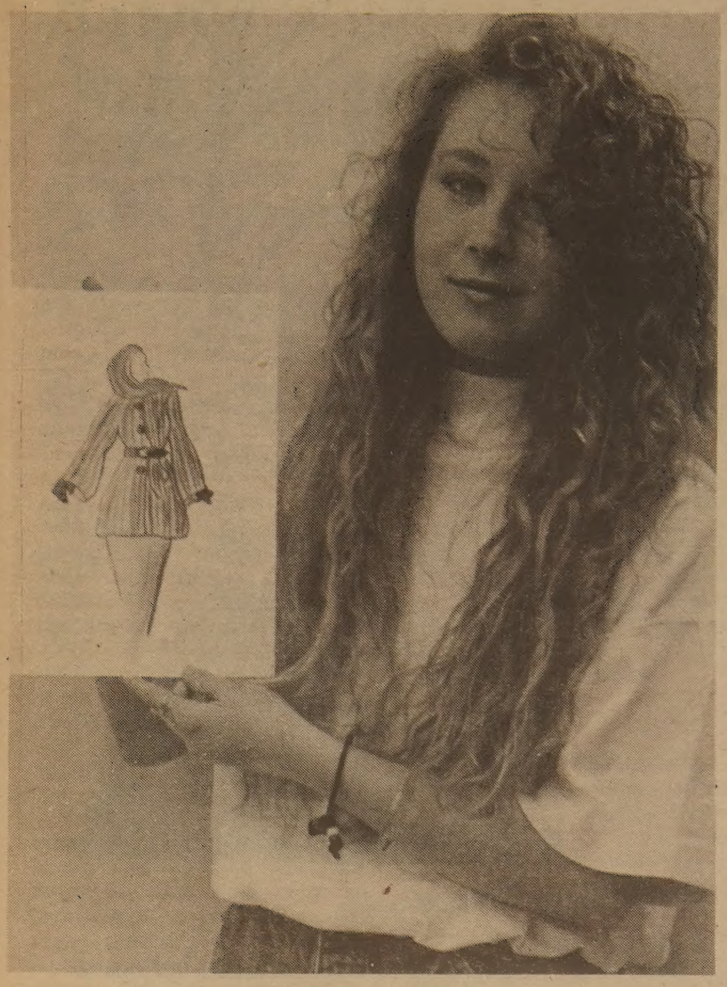
"We are really pleased with our group," Mr. Rowbottom said.

The colleges have to get to the public schools and talk to children in Grade 5 to break the ice about the technology programs and then reinforce the ideas again in high school, Mr. Munro said.

"We offer a demanding field. But, a student is a student and I am more interested in their ability. If the student cannot do the work, then I get on his or her back. The ladies work hard, they don't do any better or any worse then the guys in the program."

If they are good at the job it does not matter whether they are a man or a woman. A woman does not have to be any less feminine because of the type of work she chooses, Mr. Munro said.

"I want to see myself as a technician, not a female technician," Miss Iddenden said.



CHARLAYNE DESJARDINS

Fashion arts student one of seven finalists

A second-year Niagara College fashion arts student is one of seven finalists chosen from all over Canada and has great hopes her fur coat design might win at this year's fur fair in Montreal.

Charlayne Desjardins, 19, of Port Colborne will see the coat made from her design on display at the Canadian Fur Council fair.

The fair will be held at the Bon Aventure Hotel in Montreal from May 2 to 5. Charlayne's design will be on display for judging on the night of May 2.

"I hope this will open many doors for me,"Charlayne said. "After people see my design, then they will know of my creative abilities."

Charlayne will travel to Montreal May 1 to attend the show with her mother and sister, and will return on May 5. "My parents are very proud of me; everyone is giving me great support," she said. Charlayne also received two tickets from the Canadian Fur Council to attend the show as a guest.

Her design will be made into a coat by M and M Furs in Montreal.The coat will be judged by top fashion designers, and three winners will be selected as the top new designs of 1990.

Charlayne said the design for her fur coat came to her from the styling of the 40s.

Student's Canadian experience

By NEVILLE LEWIS
Staff Writer

In a few days, I will be back where my quest for knowledge all began: home — a tiny, mere 108-square-mile and sun-drenched piece of paradise. It nestles between the tranquil waters of the Caribbean sea and the furious waves of the Atlantic Ocean. Gone are the lone cold days of winter. Welcome to the halcyon days of summer.

However, those cold days will always evoke memories: memories of a year gone by. A year already? Incredible! It is a year since I have left home and become a year older, perhaps wiser and maybe even bolder; so much has happened in a year.

For the first time, I've set foot on the vast fabled Eskimo-inhabited land. I have visited the land of perpetual snow and hockey; I have sat in class with the subject of Pierre Elliot Trudeau and above all I've seen the great city of Toronto and the renowned Mounties. When a friend said "I'm a native — an American Indian," my initial thought was that he was far from home — somewhere on the great plains of the American Midwest. These foolish thoughts.

Lessons

My lessons were numerous. The Eskimos are Inuit while the native Americans played not only a vital role in American history but have made an indelible mark on Canadian society. Since the age of exploration, their languages have given names to provinces, cities, rivers and lakes.

Strange-sounding people like the Mohawks have not only lent their name to a trend in hairstyle but also a school of higher learning. Any chieftain of the Ottawas would stand proudly knowing the nation's capital bears the name of his tribe. Similarily, Lake Huron, and Manitoba and Saskatchewan provinces recall the heyday of the Indians.

The "perpetual ice sheet" does melt. And once more everything returns to life; the grass grows; the flowers bloom and the jays sing. Summer replaces spring and everyone complains about the humidity and heat waves.

"It's about time we put in that air-con unit eh," or "great weather we're having." Then it's time to bring out those fluorescent pink, green and yellow shorts and T-shirts for a day on Crystal Beach.

Just as they come, the dog days are gone. Once more Canadians get back to the more serious thought of work as Labour Day signals a return to the usual preoccupation and a change of seasons. Canada can now be viewed at its best. Red, amber, hazel and gold — the autumnal canopy has spread over the fields of the countryside. Trees have shed their leaves while the squirrels are ever-busy. Fall — a kids' haven for pranks, pumpkin pies and Jack-o-lanterns. Hallowe'en is drawing near. "Trick or cheat, eh."

"Eh" — the hallmark of Canada. It follows no rule; it precedes the sentence or falls at the end. So too do the standard double negatives as "I ain't got no more money" in colloquialism. Most interesting, however, is that Canada has another language: French. Be sure to address a Canadian from Quebec as "kay-ber-kwa"and not 'kwe-bek-kwa" as Ontarians are apt to do.

Similarly, if you are accustomed to the pubs of "goode olde Englande", resounding with the cheery tunes of Ireland and the ballads of the Scottish highlands and the signs saying "no travellers" as I am, then be in for a surprise. Here you won't find any roving bands of gypsies and hardly would you ask for a pint of ale. The choice is a Labatts Blue, a Black Label or "simply (a) Canadian" by Molsons. A pitcher of lager is yours for the asking.

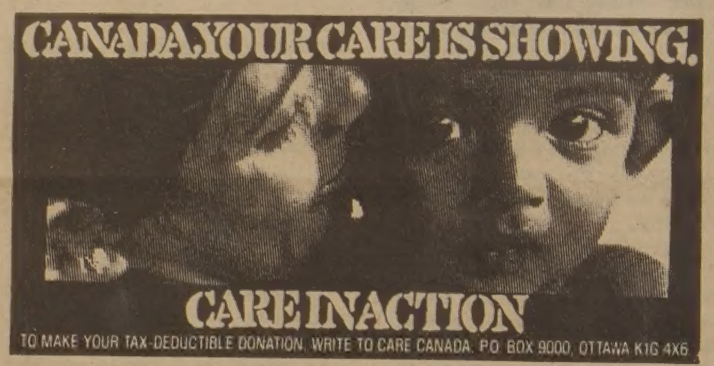
Most of all, be sure to carry a picture ID card with your name and age. It may well mean your licence to drink or your passport to enter. Remember, Canada is not England or the West Indies. You have to be a "legal" 19 to drink. But don't drink on the streets and don't litter.

Canadians are "city beautiful, city healthy," in other words, civic-proud. After seeing a "moderately clean" London and the abject squalor of New York City, I tip my hat to the Canadians.

It would be remiss to suggest that all is well in Canada. Coming from a region where in 20 minutes I could be on another island where another language is spoken and a different flag is flown, I learned that Canadians on the whole do not travel much. It is quite strange — to me at least — that many have never boarded an aircraft or ventured beyond the southern border states. For many, the vast majority of Canada lies undiscovered. It seems that they are isolated in a vast country with very little knowledge of the outside world.

However, Canada is an "awesome" (as Canadians would say) place. Canadians are laid back; they expect you to bring your own "booze" to the party and, when baseball is on, everyone does the Mookie Shuffle. I now know that hockey is not the only sport, and there is more to Canada than Toronto or Trudeau.

But, anyways, before I go, eh, I'll bet you my last loony that I ain't gonna get wasted on a pitcher no more.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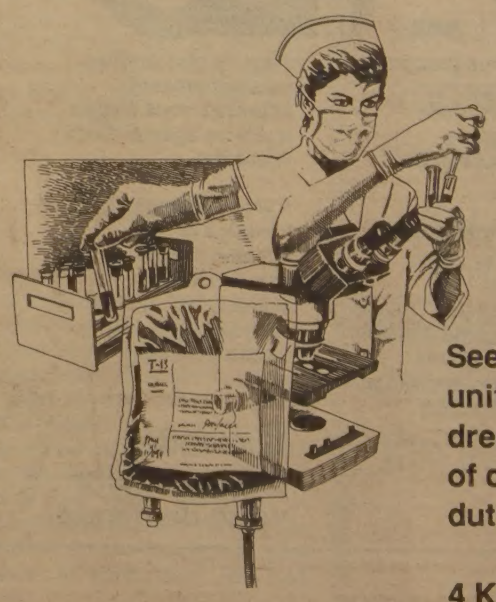

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Fatality of loved ones makes death a reality

By MARIA PULE
Staff Writer

As a child, death didn't mean much to me because I didn't understand it. I am grown up now, and I can look back into the past and reflect on some of the tragedies that befell my family. Everything becomes so vivid as if it just happened yesterday; the memories are bitter and painful.

I don't have a mother, and I have never known what it was like to have one. I was five years old when she died. Her death, however, didn't affect me much because I was young and so I didn't show any emotions. Also, grandmother was there to give me and my brother the motherly love that fate had deprived us of.

My mother had been ill for quite some time suffering from high blood pressure. She was in a hospital in another town about 90 kilometres from ours. One day my father, my grandmother, my cousin, my brother and I visited her. We found her sitting down in her sickbed chatting to other patients. She didn't appear to be very ill.

Disappeared

My mother introduced us to her friends, and I was proud to hear her telling them that I was the baby of the family. I was overjoyed seeing her smile as she fondled and patted my head. She and my father later talked about family matters, and he assured her that everybody was well. Evening approached so we left after wishing her a good rest. Unfortunately, the rest became eternal, as we found out the following morning.

It was 7 a.m. when we arrived at the hospital heading to my mother's room. She wasn't there however, and we were surprised; since she had fallen ill, it was unusual of her to get up early. We didn't know where she was, nor did other patients in the ward. I think they were pretending though; nevertheless, they suggested that we check her in the bathroom where she might be taking a shower.

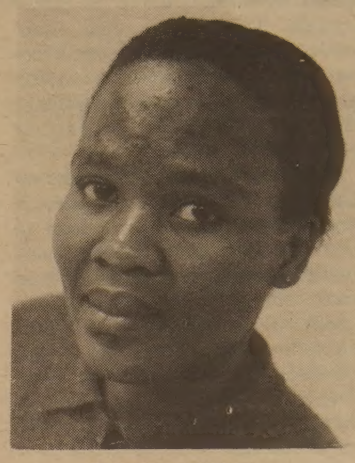
Still, she was nowhere. My father asked a nurse who happened to be passing by and she, too I think, pretended not to know. The nurse went to consult with her seniors and shortly after, she came back accompanied by another elderly nurse who informed us that my mother had died during the night.

Bad News

It was bad news for us, especially for my father because his first wife died too. Grandmother was sobbing painfully, but my father, who seemed sad and helpless, did not utter a word. I was indifferent about it.

At my mother's funeral I cried deeply and everybody pitied me the most because I was her youngest child. I was not crying because my mother had died. I just wanted to be with my father, but people didn't understand. Even when I kept shouting and calling for my father while I cried at the same time, all they could do was lift me up and try to please me by giving candies which I did want anyway.

Four years later, my grandmother died. I had grown to love her so much because she and my father devoted themselves to us. As a result we didn't miss my mother. Grandmother had fallen



MARIA PULE

ill, and her condition deteriorated. She cluld neither eat nor talk, but most of the time her eyes remained open as if she wanted to say something. I did not know the cause of her illness.

One day I happened to be in her room when my aunt and sister were trying to feed her and make her talk. They didn't want us to see our grandmother in her condition. When they left the room then, my aunt told me to leave saying if I stayed I would disturb grandmother.

Memories

A few minutes later I sneaked into the room because I felt that if I her favorite grandchild talked to her, she would respond. Also, I thought my sister and aunt somehow upset her. I guess it was childish thinking. To my disappointment, she never responded; I left the room sad and frustrated. Two weeks later she died.

Today when I think of the good times I spent with grandmother, I realize that I have lost someone who meant the world to me. Her great contribution in my upbringing will always be remembered. If only she had said something to me that day I wanted to talk to her... .

Trees planted on Earth Day

Several hundred people showed their support for Earth Day 1990 by planting 3,400 seedlings for the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority last Sunday.

The event began at 1:30 p.m. at the Woodend Conservation Area in Niagara-on-the-Lake as eager volunteers began planting the trees on the two-acre field.

"We wanted families to get hands-on experience working with the environment and it was just coincidence that the tree planting fell on Earth Day," Glen Meyers, co-ordinator of the Conservation Foundation, said.

White pine, green ash, silver maple and red oak trees were planted in rows under the conservation authority's supervision. Latecomers were disappointed that all the trees were planted within one hour due to an overwhelming turnout. "We hope that Earth Day enthusiaists will return to the site to help weed around the trees and watch the trees grow," Mr. Meyers said.

Paul Robertson, a forester working with the Conservation authority, said, "The first five years for the seedling are the most difficult for survival because of mice that strip away the trunk and competition with weeds for water, sun and nutrients from the soil."

The conservation authority plans to celebrate Earth Day each year but would like to see each day considered a day for the Earth.

If Spring comes ....

If Spring comes.....

Record high temperatures have pushed scenes like this to the backs of peninsula residents' minds. Students languished about the campus this week in the hottest temperatures so far this year. Hopes spring eternal that the good weather will continue and make up for a long, drawn-out wet spring.

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Sports

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Running Rebels	4	4	0	121	47	8
Hurting Units	4	3	1	95	89	6
Vapors	4	2	2	74	79	4
Staff	4	1	3	56	89	2
Gators	4	0	4	55	97	0

GP: games played GW: games won GL: games lost
PS: points scored PA: points allowed Pts: points overall

April 26 championship: Running Rebels vs Winner Spacetop - Hurting Units game.

As tempers flare, points drop; Rebels remain undefeated

By NEVILLE LEWIS
Staff Writer

A physical match-up, hot tempers and a near fist-fight almost caused the Running Rebels their first loss in intramural basketball.

With just over a minute left in the game and his team down by seven points, Hurting Units centre Bill Karner took to the foul line and nailed six baskets after Rebel guard Gordon Orcutt was ejected from the game.

The long-awaited and much talked about meeting between the high-spirited Running Rebels and tough Hurting Units with an assortment of bandannas tied across their heads took place on April 12. The Units intended to stop the Rebels at any cost and by all means, Rebels players said. The Rebels are undefeated in this year's league.

From the first to the final whistle, the court was like a war zone, several spectators said. The two highly defensive teams were neither giving nor allowing anything. There was constant heavy pushing and jabbing and elbowing. Some head butting and banging was exchanged.

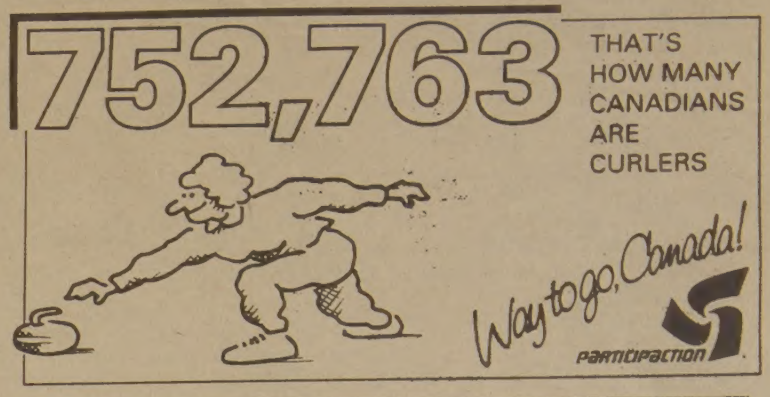
UNTIMELY

After being double-teamed — and neither of the two officials made the foul call against the two Units' players — Rebel guard Scott swung a fist. It was not only untimely but nearly cost the Rebels a decisive game.

Had they lost, the Rebels would have had to beat Spacetops for a place in the April 26 finals. The Units would have had a week's rest before taking on the winner of the Rebels-Spacetop match-up for the league's title.

Referee Frank Napoli hit the guard with three technical fouls — for any player, an automatic ejection from the game. The Units were holding the Rebels to an all-time low score of 20 points when Bill Karner was put on the line for the allotted six free throws. All six were made bringing the Units to within a point of the Rebels and two points away from an upsetting win.

With 37 seconds on the clock and after a quick time-out in which to regroup, the Rebels came back strong to force a turnover as the Units could not overcome the pressure defence to in bound the ball. The Rebels held on to the ball for the remainder of the game. They maintained their narrowed lead for a 20-19 victory. Jo Wilson scored 11 for the Rebels.



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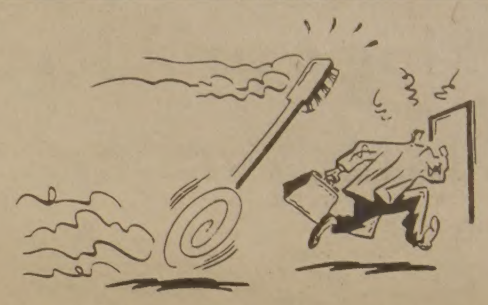

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Zebra Mussels

'An ecological disaster'

By TARA GRABELL
Staff Writer

Be careful where you swim this summer or you may find yourself face to face with a zebra mussel. The tiny clam-like mussels have been spreading throughout the Great Lakes and especially in Fort Erie.

The Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters said, "the zebra (mussels) infestation will easily dwarf the environmental effects of last year's Exxon oil spill in Alaska and surpass 15 years of acid rain damage to fish stocks in half that time."

June, 1988, marked the beginning of what the federation terms "an ecological disaster" when a European ship emptied water filled with zebra mussel larvae into Lake St. Clair. Although there is now legislation prohibiting foreign ships from emptying their water-filled ballasts into the Great Lakes, it is far too late. The zebra mussel appears to be here to stay.

Ineffective

However, their stay will not be a pleasant one for fish and shipping industries, nor for beachgoers. The pesky mussels devastate spawning ground for dozens of fish species; devour plankton that is a major food source for young fish; cause damage to ships, boats, buoys, piers and industrial water intake pipes; cover beaches with both dead and live mussels and pose a serious threat of tainting to drinking water supplies, the federation said.

With a membership of 74,000, it is one of the largest groups rallying to get the federal government and provincial government of Ontario to come up with more effective plans in fighting the zebra mussel infestation.

"Ontario's reaction to the threat appears to be minuscule and ineffective," Dr. Terry Quinney, provincial co-ordinator of Fish and Wildlife Services for the federation, said. Criticism about the province's proposed $150,000 research plan has been increasing and becoming more and more desperate. "If the bodies don't move on this today, it will be too late," Dr. Quinney said.

Even more under fire is the federal government's $34,000 budget for the zebra mussel problem. The budget from the Department of Fisheries of Oceans includes only four researchers as part of its plan.

Problem

Despite the ongoing battle between government and organizations, zebra mussels will continue to spread with little chance of control. The mussels are not edible because of taste and they have few natural predators. Add their fertility rate — 30,000-40,000 eggs per adult female mussel — and their continual build-up and you have reports of zebra mussels with counts as high as 30,000 per square metre. The mussels simply create layer after layer of themselves on reefs, breakwalls, rocks and even other aquatic animals such as clams and crayfish.

With few predators, zebra mussels have to be dealt with on other levels of control. Mechanical removal from water intake pipes is both difficult and expensive, said a facts release from the Ministry of Natural Resources. The other method that may be a possible end solution is controlling the populations with chlorines and molluscicides which are being experimented with by Ontario Hydro.

"We can't spread research over 20 years — we have to determine how to prevent this problem from spreading now," Rick Morgan, federation executive vice-president, said. "One day too late is still too late," he said about the governments' slow action.

"Zebra mussels will cost billions of dollars before the end of the decade," a federation report said.

"A threat of this magnitude could eventually take similar resources to acid rain research," Dr. Quinney said. At the moment, acid rain is receiving worldwide attention and is getting the funds for its research and control as zebra mussels are not.

Bringing the zebra mussel problem back down to the local level, the Ministry of Natural Resources has set out two ways to identify and get rid of zebra mussels for boaters and fishermen: check the hull of the boat for either full-grown mussels which can be knocked off with some extra effort, or feel for graininess on the bottom of the boat that might signal the presence of mussels at which point they can be scraped off, or, by leaving the boat out of water to dry, they will die from lack of moisture.

Threat

The threat of zebra mussels is an ever-increasing one as their population grows with each passing year and especially in warm weather when they are most fertile. Just as acid rain and the oil spill in Alaska have received attention and large plans for their clean-up, so zebra mussels must receive the same treatment if bathers are not to find themselves stretched out on a beach with piles of them at their sides, feet and heads.

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Magic leaves Palace

Crystal Beach amusement park is being torn down to make room for a new condminium complex. The park, which enjoyed its final season last year after 101 years in operation, will be fondly remembered by the many residents of the Niagara region who visited it throughout the years.

IEEE students show projects at banquet

By LORRAINE GIBBS
Staff Writer

The IEEE Technical Report Night on Wednesday brought out some of Niagara's finest students, important faculty and distinguished guests. The 15th annual event included presentations from final year electronics, electrical and computer students, and award to the student chapter and speeches from leading industrial businessmen as well as college officials.

A project showing the use of an automobile starting and charging system was presented by Rob Aiello, an electrical engineering technology student. Geoff Martin, third-year computer engineering technology, presented an IBM-CP Compatible Audio Signal Interface. A Software Driven Security System was presented by Dino Pisano, third-year electronics engineering technology. Jon Rourke, third-year electronics, presented a Digital Coded Squelch system, stressing the importance of modern advancements in the automobile industry. The starter motor, which could blow up the rest of the engine because of high torque and current, is needed to ignite the engine. After ignition the starter motor must disconnect itself, he said.

MORE POWER

He also showed a three-phase charging system that would be used to recharge the battery system. More power supply is needed in the newer cars because of the power options, he said.

Geoff described his project as a digitizer that would be used in the music industry. By way of a keyboard or computer, the unit takes in sound which is shown on a monitor. The sound can be released in varying tones and pitches.

"In high school I had an interest in speech recognition," Geoff said.

One day all homes will have a security system built right in, Dino said while presenting his own home security system. The system works through software by displaying possible problems around the home. It can be adapted to be not only a security device but also a smoke and fire alarm and a flood alarm.

Most homes today are not secure, Dino said.

Jon's two-way radio squelch system works by a coding system that allows only the caller and the listener to hear each other with no one else hearing the conversation.

The system would be good for taxi companies, emergency services or any other business that involves a lot of vehicles hooked up to one dispatch. A greater number of vehicles could use the same radio frequency, he said.

Tom developed a sharing device which allows four computers to use the same printer. It will save money to have computers sharing a printer instead of each needing its own, he said.

Those attending included Jacqueline Robarts, college president; Fred Habermehl, executive dean; Dr. Tony Knowles, vice-president of academics; and Gordon Dunkley, chairman of the computer electronics advisory committee.

An award was presented to signify the largest growth this year in Canada of a student IEEE chapter. Phillip Scoones, councillor to the students in the chapter, said that this year's IEEE chapter grew from 30 to 40 members last year to 104 members this.

IEEE has more than 300,000 members around the world who are interested in or work in the field of electronics. Most of the students in Niagara's computer, electrical and electronic courses belong to the student chapter.

Parking a problem at Mack Nursing

Parking may be an issue at Welland Campus, but at least there is parking.

Students at Mack Nursing Centre do not have reserved parking places.

Donna Cunningham, director of nursing, said the Mack Centre is located beside the St. Catharines General Hospital. Space is rented for classes from the hospital while the rest of the building is Brock University residence space.

The parking spots nearest the Mack building are reserved for Brock students. Mack faculty can pay for parking behind Westminster United Church, next door to the campus. Students can buy parking permits from the hospital, but the hospital must ensure their staff have parking.

AT ITS WORST

The parking problem is at its worst in the fall, Miss Cunningham said. All the first-year students are in classes every day. In winter, the students are gone two or three days a week on placements. Mondays are another bad time for parking as the students are almost all there, Miss Cunningham said.

St. Catharines City Hall conducted a survey three weeks ago. Students were asked if they would be willing to pay for parking, if it can be found. The students are willing to pay reasonable rates for parking, Miss Cunningham said.

Students have been parking on Oakdale Avenue near Centennial Park and walking up the hill of Eastchester Avenue, Miss Cunningham said.

To begin co-op

Niagara's electronics students will begin their first co-op placement in January 1991.

The announcement was made at the IEEE 1990 Technical Reports Night, Wednesday by Gordon Dunkley, chairman of the computer electronics advisory committee.

This will increase the profile of the college, Mr. Dunkley said.

Last year, the programs achieved 100 per cent placement.

The co-op placement is in response to the rapidly changing world of technology.

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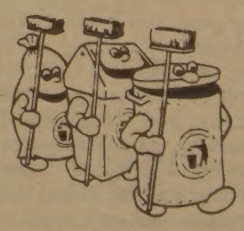

OSAP cheques in

OSAP strike assistance cheques are now available in the Financial Aid Office, room H25B. Kathy Borisenko, acting financial aid officer, said there are some exceptions, but most cheques are here.

The strike assistance was available to students who qualify for OSAP and covers room and board and local transportation for an additional two weeks.

ATTENTION STUDENTS

Most of the strike assistance cheques have arrived at the Financial Aid Office.

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From Page One

SAC

Jamie Heath, executive vice-president;

Jim Acsai, outgoing SAC president, vice-president of internal affairs;

Jason Austen, 20, of Thorold, first-year business administration, vice-president of external affairs;

Shane Forsyth, first-year business sales, vice-president of social affairs;

Dave Brower, first-year Early Childhood Education, vice-president of athletics.

Budget

"We're still negotiating with SAC to make sure that the Student Centre will be paid for by student funds and that none of those costs will be transferred to the college," Mr. van der Slagt said.

He believes that the Student Centre is an important addition to the college both in terms of improving student life on campus and as a "drawing card" for new students.